

ID Card Printer Buying Guide Checklist

Mark any of the following printer features that are important to your card printing application.

Keep this checklist handy while shopping and comparing printer models. Share these printer needs with an identification solutions salesperson to ensure your requirements are included in a future purchase.

Single- or Dual-sided Printing

- Single-sided printing
- Dual-sided printing

Print Volume

- Low- to mid-volume printing
- High volume printing

Print Quality

- Direct-to-card printing (edge-to-edge)
- Retransfer printing (over-the-edge)
- High resolution imagery

Resin Erase & Rewrite

- Yes
- Not necessary

Security & Durability

- Lamination: single-sided
- Lamination: dual-sided
- Supports holographic ribbons
- Supports microtext printing

Data Encoding

- No encoding needed
- Magnetic stripe encoding
- Contact smart card encoder
- Contactless smart card encoder

Connectivity

- Standard USB interface
- Ethernet connectivity for networking
- WiFi connectivity for mobile access

Platform compatability

- Windows-compatible
- Mac-compatible

Printer size

- Small/compact size
- Size not a factor

Warranty & Support

- Optional extended warranty
- Optional printer loaner coverage